

Whatever You Did, You Did Not
Deserve To Be Raped



- If you trusted someone you wouldn't trust again.
- If you were drinking with someone.
- If you went to someone's home.
- If you accepted a ride from a stranger.
- If you didn't fight back, you were probably afraid you would be hurt or killed.

We all have better hindsight and we probably wouldn't do many of these things again, but you didn't know what was going to happen. No one could have known and

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WE NEED YOUR HELP

"Children Should Be Seen, Heard and Believed"

Assailants (75% to 80%) are known to the family, 60% of attacks occur in the victim's or assailant's home. (A Survivor's Booklet, Texas Association against Sexual Assault, TAASA)

One of the reasons that this program was started is due to the chaotic environment in most emergency rooms. It could take hours before the victims are seen, and I believe it might have prevented some of them from coming in to be seen or checked out."

.....Brenda Garison, R.N., CP-CA SANE

Thanks to our innovative, multidisciplinary program now in place in Southeast Texas, more sexual assault examinations are being performed because more victims are making outcry's. More importantly, more cases are being prosecuted and fewer perpetrators are acquitted due to insufficient evidence.

Sexual Assault Myths & Facts

Myth: Rape won't happen to me, or even to anyone I know.

Fact: In Texas, 1 in 5 women will become a victim in sexual abuse in her lifetime, and 1 in 20 men will also fall victim to sexual crimes. (Busch, 2003. Sexual Assault, Trauma & Sexual Healing. TAASA)

Myth: An offender probably assaults only one time, so it's better just to forget the whole episode.

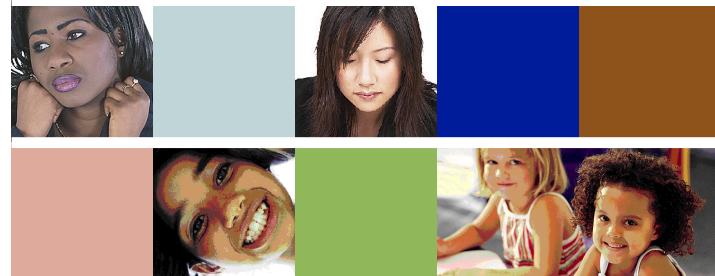
Fact: In one study of convicted offenders, rapists committed 11 - 22 assaults before being convicted.



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The Mission

of Child Abuse & Forensic Services is to administer forensic medical examinations to patients that have made an outcry of sexual assault and collect evidence from child and adult patients in a timely manner in a non-threatening facility with no monetary charge to the patient. We are committed to lessen the trauma to these individuals through education, prevention and advocacy. We are part of a multidisciplinary unifying force bringing together parties involved in and affected by sexual assault as a catalyst for change.

"Non-Profit Organization Dedicated to Justice and Education"

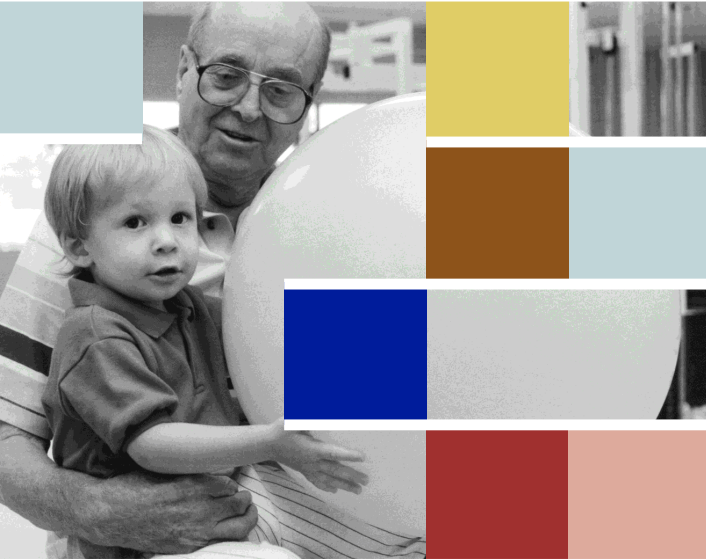


Report the incident(s) to your local law enforcement agency regardless of the time between the assault and the outcry. A sexual assault exam should be performed by a specially trained professional.

If You /Your Child Have Been Sexually Assaulted?

What Happens At Child Abuse & Forensic Services?

1. After contact with Law Enforcement or Child Protective Services, the nurse examiner meets with the patient and the patient becomes her only focus.
2. An advocate is made available to offer support before, during and after the examination at the request of the patient.
3. The history of the event is documented to be used for diagnosis and treatment of the patient.
4. A comprehensive head-to-toe physical examination is performed including a detailed forensic medical examination of the genital area or area of the body which was violated. The nurse provides holistic care and support for the patient. First and foremost is the well being of the patient.
5. After examination is completed, a bathroom/shower facility is available to the patient if appropriate.



1. Get to a safe place.
2. Report the crime to the police immediately, whether or not you plan to file charges.
3. Seek medical attention. Even though you may want to **DO NOT shower**, douche or change your clothing.
4. Do not clean or straighten the scene of the assault.
5. Do not touch areas or objects the offender may have touched.

If You Are Sexually Assaulted

If you have been sexually assaulted, the single most important thing you can do is tell someone: the police, a friend, the rape crisis center or a counselor

Do Not isolate yourself.

Do Not feel guilty.

Do Not try to ignore it.

Sexual assault, whether by a stranger or someone you know, is a violation your body and your trust, as well as a crime.

Conduct forensic medical examination and assessment of sexual assault victims for both children and adults.

Collection of forensic evidence, photo documentation and color slides for use in the investigation of the assault and maintains a chain of evidence for law enforcement officers.

Prophylaxis treatment of STD's as indicated.

Pregnancy testing and prophylaxis for pregnancy, if desired.

C.A.F.S. Services

Sexual assault counseling referrals.

Medical referrals when indicated.

Emergency room or in-hospital care when appropriate.

Suspect forensic evidence collection.

Testify in court to the facts obtained during the forensic medical examination if expert testimony is needed.

Examinations are conducted by a certified Sexual Assault

Nurse Examiner (SANE) Registered Nurse and are done in a warm, cozy, clean, supportive and confidential atmosphere.

Community Education

- Law Enforcement
- Grand Jury
- Rape & Suicide Crisis Center
- C.A.S.A. Volunteers
- Lamar University Students
- Medical Professionals
- Any community group or organization requesting information